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--5. (New) The pigment-containing substance for feed additives according to claim 2, characterized in that a DNA nucleotide sequence corresponding to 16S ribosomal RNA of the microorganism in the microorganism culture precipitate has at least 98% homology with the nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

6. (New) The pigment-containing substance for feed additives according to claim 5, characterized in that the microorganism in the microorganism culture precipitate is E-396 strain or a mutant thereof.--

**REMARKS**

Applicants submit this Amendment to delete the Sequence Listing filed with the application and to indicate the insertion point for the Sequence Listing filed concurrently herewith.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1 through 6 will be pending. Applicants request examination of the claims. A first office action on the merits is now awaited. Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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